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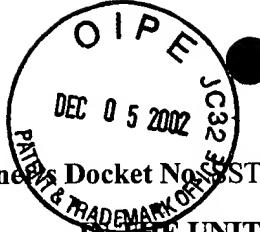
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1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
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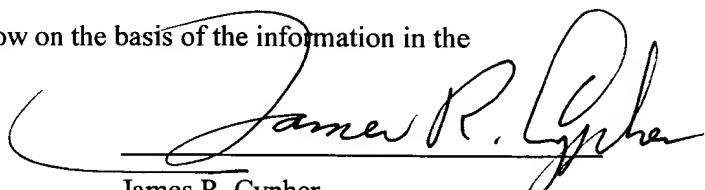
1. European Patent 0 937 832 A2, published on August 25, 1999, Applicant: MiTek Industries GmbH.
2. German Patent 100 51 793 A1, published on May 31, 2001, Applicant: Bulldog-Simpson GmbH.
3. Non-patent prior art entitled "SFS WT-System Von Merk" by Merk GmbH.
4. Non-Patent prior art entitled "Praxisorientierte Diplomarbeiten," published on January 1997 by Quadriga.

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